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HARD KNOCKS IN HIGH PLACES.

ADVOCATES of government ownership who want the government to run everything from ships to the making of shifts have received two severe checks from unexpected sources. Walker D. Hines, director general of railroads, told the Traffic Club at Pittsburgh that he does not believe in government ownership as a permanent policy. On the contrary he wishes to see a policy adopted which will preserve the advantages and economies of private initiative while meeting the public necessities for adequate control.

Before the government ownership cranks had time to recover from the Pittsburgh punch there came a jolt from the direction of New York. There Edward N. Hurley, chairman of the United States shipping board, informed the national marine league that he is opposed to government ownership of the merchant fleet, "except as a last resort." He wants to see the ships sold to and operated by American people under a few restrictions, including the fixation of maximum freight rates, and that no transfers to foreign registry shall be permitted without express sanction of the government.

Here we have two men who have been intimately associated with government ownership of the two most important means of travel by land and sea, both emphatic in their opposition to the continuance of the policy. There has been no armchair experience. They know how government ownership has not worked and they do not want it preserved; but they do wish to see a return to the "advantages and economies of private initiative."

UPROOTING THE I. W. W.

OLE HANSON, mayor of Seattle, is the most popular man in America today. Single-handed he dared to do and did what other mayors had failed to accomplish. He had the nerve to enforce the law when a lot of quasi Bolsheviks declared a strike and notified him that they would furnish the functions of the regular city government so far as operating the fire department and assigning men to patrol the streets and usurp the jobs of the regular police force. Unusually the movement was a protest against a reduction of wages in North Pacific shipyards, but at the bottom there was a deeper design that was quickly fathomed by the farsighted Hanson in his capacity as chief executive of the business community. He did not hesitate or deliberate, but went right to the heart of the question by asserting that law and order would be maintained through the regularly appointed officers acting in the name of the law and that no favorites would be played between capital and labor. The first man to be caught in any industrial war would be dealt with severely so that his example would be a deterrent to any further strike. The strikers were told they had a perfect right to govern themselves so long as they remained within bounds, but that the minutes they overstepped their rights they would be treated as common criminals. He denounced the conspiracy by which the industrialists assumed control of every branch of labor to the extent of suspending newspapers, shutting off power, water and light and otherwise engaging in many high-handed and lawless proceedings. The local police force was aided by the boldness of the strikers and were inclined to let them have their own way until Mayor Hanson called for the assistance of a couple of regiments of seasoned soldiers from Camp Lewis to suppress the police force. When the boys in khaki took their positions in a business-like style flanked by fortifications of sandbags through which the rifled chambers of numerous Browning guns poked their glittering noses, the unruly element had another thing coming which brought them back to their senses. Their ruthless interference with the transportation lines of the city and other public utilities was withdrawn and gradually the subdued hum of traffic was resumed until it reached its former grand chorus of industrial activity. Mayor Hanson was responsible for the quick quietus placed upon the turbulent Bolsheviks and it was due to the prompt action of Mayor Hanson's Simon Pure Americanism that the mutterings of this industrial storm were hushed by a firm and solemn assertion of the majesty of the law.

When the head of I. W. W. is shown everywhere in the land it should be greeted as it was greeted in Seattle with such an overpowering show of authority just applied that the dissentient elements were stifled on the spot. Thirteen years ago Goldfield had an experience in this matter and, by temporizing with the leaders instead of tackling the problem directly and dealing with the rights or wrongs involved, the hydra-headed monster was allowed to grow until it dominated the camp. Eventually military aid was summoned but that was locking the stable door after the horse had been stolen. The harm had been done. The presence of the unbridled leaders of anarchy for nearly a year had become known to the whole country and the fact that these law-defying agents of the I. W. W. had been given countenance, damned the camp and overthrew the biggest gold boom ever seen outside the Klondike.

Organized labor has taken the stand that there is nothing in common between the principles of the I. W. W. and legitimate combinations of workmen and Samuel Gompers has used his pen and voice in urging all affiliated bodies of workmen to protect their own interests by combating the insidious disorder that has been creeping into the United States.

AND THE PEOPLE PAY.

THE expected has happened: a twenty per cent increase in telegraph rates has been inaugurated by Political Master Burleson, who gives as his reason the increase in wages ordered by him some months ago. This increase was wholly unsatisfactory

to the operators themselves, who have ordered a referendum on the question of a general strike for higher wages. Not long ago Burleson stated it was not practicable to grant higher increases because of the income of the companies. Now he makes the statement that an increased charge of 20 per cent over the old rates is necessary to pay advances already given, which gives a clear intimation that any further increase in wages will be followed by a further increase in rates. And so it goes. The service deteriorates as the wages increase, and the public meets the bills. Under private ownership, while wage increases would necessarily be made, we could depend upon efficient handling of the business together with such efficiencies and economies in overhead expenses as might make it unnecessary to raise the rates. But, thank God, the day of dictators has about run its course.

AMUSEMENTS

REX BEACH'S BEST

AT BUTLER TODAY

"Too Fat to Fight," his Rex Beach picture produced for Goldwyn, will be the attraction at the Butler today, with Frank McIntyre in the featured role. The combination of Rex Beach as the author of a patriotic drama and the acting of Frank McIntyre is sure to make a sensation. Rex Beach has cast Frank McIntyre for the role of Norman Dalrymple, a former football star, now known as "Dimples," because of his excessive fat. He is laughed at by his friends, and good-naturedly scorned by Helen Brewster, the girl he loves. Every branch of the service has turned poor "Dimples" down, and "too fat to fight" has come to mean worse than death to him. "I'd give a leg of lamb if I could be over there with the boys," he says. Finally a man who is raising a million dollars for the Y. M. C. A. is instrumental in getting "Dimples" into that splendid work. He proves himself a hero every minute of the long days and nights.

Then he remembers nothing until a French officer stops to put a decoration on his still expensive bosom as he lies in a base hospital.

Added to the program, the latest Pathé News, "Tomorrow, Lina Cavalieri," in "A Woman of Impulse," "Careless America," shown under the auspices of the police department, and a Matt and Jeff comedy.

LONELY PRISON OF A GREAT HARBOR

By Associated Press

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., April 14.—On a tiny island, actually a large rock with a circumference of just a mile and a quarter in the center of San Francisco bay, the United States army has 470 military prisoners, practically all of whom have been sentenced since war was declared with Germany.

Theoretically, a sojourn on the island is supposed through discipline and lessons taught there, to fit the prisoners for return to civil or military life. Each month a dozen or more are returned to the army to "make good." Since the island prison was established a few years ago nearly seven hundred men have been restored to their former place in the army. In the world war these former prisoners gave good account of themselves. It was not uncommon for reports of bravery and extreme sacrifice on the part of former prisoners to trickle back to the "big rock."

Over the doors of the administration building and streaming across the entire face of the building are the words of Pope: "Hope Springs Eternal in the Human Breast." The administration offices front the prison proper.

When a soldier arrives at the island under sentence he must don the prison garb of brown with a hat of the same color. The clothes are not of military cut and the hat is like a Tam O' Shanter. By good behavior and attention to prison duties, officers in charge of the barracks may decide he can be of use again to the army and, if the prisoner expresses a desire, he is started on the road for return to the army a clean man.

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